To

His Highness

The Maharajah of Mysore,

M Y S O R E.

May it please your Highness,

Some particulars in connection with the Excise Department I have to bring to your Highness' notice to which graciously lend your attention.

Excise Department is a source of an annual income of nearly 50 Lakhs. ~~Mr. Ragendra~~ Rao, though in your Highness' consideration may have been deemed a clever and well-informed gentleman, and as such, he may have been raised to the dignity of Excise Commissioner, yet in the estimation of the general public, he is known as the best hand, only at the Motor Car, Cycles and other conveyances of the Palace and also at the Machine of Ayachiammal, in a special way. He knows absolutely nothing about Excise work.

It is only Mr. Ragahavachary, the Head Accountant who does virtually the part of the Commissioner within the office. This gentleman, in conjunction with Mr. Lenga Rao, Dt. Excise officer of Bangalore, sells publicly the post of Assistant Inspectors, for a sum of Rs.200/- each, and that of Inspectors for a sum of Rs. 500/- each, to the disgrace of your Kingdom.

From the time of the late Excise Commissioner, Purniah, up to that of Canthrajaras Esq., there has always been a steady rise in the increase of the Excise; whereas at present, under Mr. Ragavendra Rao's adminatration, there has occured a dead fall of 9 Lakhs.